

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION
SAFETY BOARD




The background features a large, faded, circular seal of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The seal contains an eagle with wings spread, perched on a shield. The words "NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD" are written around the perimeter of the seal. The text "OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION DISASTER ASSISTANCE" is overlaid in the center in a bold, yellow font with a black drop shadow.

**Office of
Transportation
Disaster
Assistance**



Legislative Background

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- ◆ **Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996**
 - ◆ **Foreign Air Carrier Family Support Act of 1997**





Mission


The NTSB ***coordinates*** and ***provides additional resources*** to the airline and local government to help victims and their families while preserving local responsibility and jurisdiction



Primary Concerns

- ◆ Initial notification
- ◆ Recovery and identification of remains
- ◆ Return of personal effects
- ◆ Information sharing





Local Government Role

- ◆ Fire and rescue
- ◆ Medical assistance
- ◆ Security
- Recovery
- Victim identification
- Environmental cleanup





Victim Support Tasks

- ◆ NTSB tasks
- ◆ Airline tasks
- ◆ Family care and crisis support- **American Red Cross**
- ◆ Victim identification, forensic & medical services-**DHS/OER**





Victim Support Tasks

- ◆ Assisting foreign families-**DOS**
- ◆ Communications-**DHS/FEMA**
- ◆ Assisting victims of crime-**FBI-OVA**





Summary

- ◆ **Assist families and victims through immediate crisis**
- ◆ **Coordinate federal resources to assist the airline and local government**
- ◆ **Maintain a core group of experienced personnel to respond to aviation and other major transportation disasters**

